

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Frederich Wilms, Chair; Mayor Richard Moccia, Jim Clark;
Leo Mellow, Stuart Wells, Jim Feigenbaum

STAFF: Thomas Hamilton, Finance; Mary Roman, City Clerk

OTHERS: Hal Alvord, Public Works Director; Amanda Brown, Common
Council; Lisa Bardon, Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wilms called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2008 MEETING

**** MR. WILMS MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2008.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR IN FAVOR (MOCCIA, MELLOW,
WELLS AND FEIGENBAUM) AND ONE ABSTENTION (CLARK).**

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA (SECTION A)

**RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$26,582.41 be and the same is hereby
transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the Police Department for
overtime reimbursement (Account 01-3035-5120)**

**** MR. WILMS MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the details of the transfer of funds from the U.S. Department of Justice to the City for the Police Department as reimbursement for overtime for certain officers working with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. This request from the Police Department is for that reimbursement.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$26,582.41 BE AND THE SAME
IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM INCREASED ESTIMATED REVENUES
TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT
(ACCOUNT 01-3035-5120)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRANSFER AGENDA (SECTION B)

There were no transfers to discuss at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS (SECTION C)

RESOLUTION, authorizing \$45.0 Million for the WPCA for Funding of Phase I improvement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED THE ITEM.**

It was noted that the Resolution in the information packet was incorrect but it was written correctly on the agenda. The packet resolution should be changed from:

RESOLUTION, authorizing \$45.0 Million for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Authority for Funding of Phase I improvement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

To:

RESOLUTION, authorizing \$45.0 Million for the Water Pollution Control Authority for Funding of Phase I improvement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Hamilton then reviewed the technical details of the grant. Mr. Hamilton said that the State has determined that the City must have its portion of the funds in place before they will act on the Clean Water Act.

Ms. Bardon explained that there was a five year plan for overhauling the water treatment plant. The goal is to improve and lower the level of nitrogen in the discharge water. The first phase will be upgrading the headworks portion of the plant, which can treat up 95 million gallons of water a day during peak periods. Another portion of the plan is to change the plant over from using sodium hyperchloride (bleach) to ultraviolet for bacterial removal.

Mr. Alvord pointed out that when the last upgrade was done, Norwalk was able to sell nitrogen credits up until last year. Now, Norwalk is in the position where it will have to purchase credits. Also, without this project, the State will not be able to meet its own 2014 nitrogen goal, so the State is very supportive of this project at this time.

The Mayor said that it was something that the City needs to do. Mr. Wilms concurred and stated that he was on the WPCA Board and was in support of this. Mr. Clark said

that he was glad to hear that there would be help from the State regarding the cost of the project. The debt will not be part of the City's debt, but handled directly by the WPCA. When Phase 2 is completed, the City will earn a fair amount of money from the nitrogen credits. The design is currently underway and once the design is approved and construction is approved.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING \$45.0 MILLION FOR THE WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING OF PHASE I
IMPROVEMENT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SECTION D)

The following agenda items were tabled at this time.

Oak Hills Report – September, 2008
Summary of Special Appropriations – FY 2008-09
Status of Contingency – FY 2008-09
Financial Reports
 Year-to-date Capital Budget Report (FY 2008-09)
 Year-to-date Operating Budget Report (FY 2008-09)
 Board of Education Budget Report (FY 2008-09)
 Salary Account
 Fire Overtime
 Dispatch Overtime
 Police Overtime

ADJOURNMENT

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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